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Subpart A—General

§361.1 Purpose.

Under the State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program (Program), the Secretary provides grants to assist States in operating statewide comprehensive, coordinated, effective, efficient, and accountable programs, each of which is—

- (a) An integral part of a statewide workforce investment system; and
- (b) Designed to assess, plan, develop, and provide vocational rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities, consistent with their strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice, so that they may prepare for and engage in gainful employment.

(Authority: Section 100(a)(2) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 720(a)(2))

§ 361.2 Eligibility for a grant.

Any State that submits to the Secretary a State plan that meets the requirements of section 101(a) of the Act and this part is eligible for a grant under this Program.

(Authority: Section 101(a) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 721(a))

§361.3 Authorized activities.

The Secretary makes payments to a State to assist in—

- (a) The costs of providing vocational rehabilitation services under the State plan; and
- (b) Administrative costs under the State plan.

(Authority: Section 111(a)(1) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 731(a)(1))

§ 361.4 Applicable regulations.

The following regulations apply to this Program:

- (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as follows:
- (1) 34 CFR part 74 (Administration of Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Non-profit Organizations), with respect to subgrants to entities that are not State or local governments or Indian tribal organizations.

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- (2) 34 CFR part 76 (State-Administered Programs).
- (3) 34 CFR part 77 (Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations).
- (4) 34 CFR part 79 (Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education Programs and Activities).
- (5) 34 CFR part 80 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments), except for §80.24(a)(2).
- (6) 34 CFR part 81 (General Education Provisions Act—Enforcement).
- (7) 34 CFR part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying).
- (8) 34 CFR part 85 (Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)).
- (9) 34 CFR part 86 (Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention).
- (b) The regulations in this part 361.
- (c) 20 CFR part 662 (Description of One-Stop Service Delivery System under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998).
- (d) 29 CFR part 37, to the extent programs and activities are being conducted as part of the One-Stop service delivery system under section 121(b) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

(Authority: Section 12(c) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 709(c))

§ 361.5 Applicable definitions.

(a) Definitions in EDGAR. The following terms used in this part are defined in 34 CFR 77.1:

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- (b) *Other definitions*. The following definitions also apply to this part:
- (1) Act means the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.).
- (2) Administrative costs under the State plan means expenditures incurred in the performance of administrative functions under the vocational rehabilitation program carried out under this part, including expenses related to program planning, development, moni-

toring, and evaluation, including, but not limited to, expenses for—

- (i) Quality assurance;
- (ii) Budgeting, accounting, financial management, information systems, and related data processing;
- (iii) Providing information about the program to the public;
- (iv) Technical assistance and support services to other State agencies, private nonprofit organizations, and businesses and industries, except for technical assistance and support services described in §361.49(a)(4);
- (v) The State Rehabilitation Council and other advisory committees;
- (vi) Professional organization membership dues for designated State unit employees:
- (vii) The removal of architectural barriers in State vocational rehabilitation agency offices and State-operated rehabilitation facilities;
- (viii) Operating and maintaining designated State unit facilities, equipment, and grounds;
 - (ix) Supplies;
- (x) Administration of the comprehensive system of personnel development described in §361.18, including personnel administration, administration of affirmative action plans, and training and staff development;
- (xi) Administrative salaries, including clerical and other support staff salaries, in support of these administrative functions;
- (xii) Travel costs related to carrying out the program, other than travel costs related to the provision of services:
- (xiii) Costs incurred in conducting reviews of determinations made by personnel of the designated State unit, including costs associated with mediation and impartial due process hearings under §361.57; and
- (xiv) Legal expenses required in the administration of the program.

(Authority: Section 7(1) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 705(1))

(3) American Indian means an individual who is a member of an Indian tribe.

(Authority: Section 7(19)(A) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 705(19)(A))